

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation: Retail Salespersons (41-2031)**

**Associated Occupation: First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers (41-1011)**

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 91

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	18.9	16.6	< Expanded education and/or training may be required
Sales and Marketing	5.2	14.0	13.4	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Administration and Management	8.4	13.2	7.9	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Personnel and Human Resources	5.6	10.2	5.2	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Economics and Accounting	4.4	7.2	4.3	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 84

**Focus Occupation: Retail Salespersons (41-2031)**

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Service Orientation	7.9	10.8	11.8	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Management of Personnel Resources	6.9	10.7	6.1	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Persuasion	7.4	10.1	12.2	> Skill level is likely sufficient
Negotiation	6.8	9.9	10.8	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Management of Financial Resources	3.3	8.1	3.1	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Management of Material Resources	3.7	7.1	2.8	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 94			
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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Speech Recognition	9.9	11.5	11.5	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Fluency of Ideas	7.6	9.1	7.3	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Mathematical Reasoning	6.3	9.0	6.1	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Number Facility	6.3	8.4	6.6	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 66
<b>Focus Occupation: Retail Salespersons (41-2031)</b> <b>Associated Occupation: First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers (41-1011)</b>		
Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity	
Answer customer or public inquiries	41	
Arrange merchandise display	76	
Greet customers, guests, visitors, or passengers	63	
Provide customer service	14	
Sell merchandise	65	

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 86
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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity	
Business function specific software	1	
Calculating machines and accessories	3	

Computer data input devices	2
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Currency vending machines	31
Data management and query software	1
Finance accounting and enterprise resource planning ERP software	2
Holding and clamping tools	3
Industry specific software	1
Ladders and scaffolding	6
Network applications software	1
Wrenches and drivers	2

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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